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SENATE BILL 475

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PROCESS FOR AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW
MEXICO; CREATING THE CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMISSION;
PROVIDING POWERS AND DUTIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMISSION--
APPOINTMENT--POWERS AND DUTIES.--

A. The "constitutional revision commission" is
created as an independent commission pursuant to Article 19,
Section 1 of the constitution of New Mexico.

B. A commission shall be appointed pursuant to this
section when the legislature by joint resolution or the
governor by certification has identified an issue that may need
to be addressed by constitutional amendment.

C. The commission shall consist of thirteen members

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1 appointed as follows: three members appointed by the speaker
2 of the house of representatives, no more than two of whom shall
3 be members of the same political party; three members appointed
4 by the president pro tempore of the senate, no more than two of
5 whom shall be members of the same political party; three
6 members appointed by the governor, no more than two of whom
7 shall be members of the same political party; and four members
8 appointed by the other nine members. Members shall serve from
9 the time of their appointment through the next regular session
10 of the legislature.

11 D. Public members of the commission shall receive
12 per diem and mileage pursuant to the Per Diem and Mileage Act.

13 E. The legislative council service shall provide
14 staff to the commission.

15 F. Within thirty days after its appointment, the
16 commission shall hold its first meeting, at which it shall
17 elect a chair and such other officers as it deems necessary to
18 perform its duties. Future meetings shall be held at the call
19 of the chair.

20 G. The commission shall:

21 (1) conduct such research and further study as
22 necessary to understand the issues identified pursuant to
23 Subsection B of this section;

24 (2) receive public comments concerning the
25 issues;

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1 (3) determine whether the issues should be
2 addressed by amendment to the constitution of New Mexico and,
3 if so, draft proposed amendments; and

4 (4) pursuant to Article 19, Section 1 of the
5 constitution of New Mexico, submit the proposed amendments to
6 the next regular session of the legislature.

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